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In Re Application of:

LAI et al.

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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR POLYNUCLEOTIDE

ANALYSIS USING GENERIC CAPTURE SEQUENCES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003 with an initial period of three months for response. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time in which to reply is requested and the fee and a petition therefor accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Accompanying Documents

Accompanying this response are the following documents:

- (1) Marked-up copy of the claims, showing the amendments made herein; and
- (2) Currently pending claim set, incorporating the amendments made herein.